

FLAMES TAKE STOVE CO. BARN

Valuable Team and All Contents Go, Loss Being Estimated at Over \$2,000.

DRIVER IS THROWN OUT

Member of No. 2 Company Meets With Accident, Due to Restlessness of New Horse.

A fire of unknown origin at the Rock Island Stove company's barn on Fourth street near Second avenue, this morning caused over \$2,000 damage, and resulted in an injury for one of the members of the No. 2 company. The fire broke out about 2 o'clock but was not discovered by the watchman at the plant until the barn was a mass of flames. He immediately turned in the alarm and then turned the company horse on the fire, but the blaze had gained a good start, and it was impossible to check the fire or save any of the contents of the barn from destruction. The barn was completely destroyed together with everything it contained, including a team of very fine work horses valued at several hundred dollars; a large truck wagon; a farm wagon; harnesses and a large quantity of hay and feed. There was a damage of \$200 on foundry flasks, doors and various articles which were near the burning building, and the total loss will be about \$2,000, partially covered by insurance. It is not known exactly how the fire originated, but it is certain because of the direction of the wind at the time that the fire was not caused by sparks from switch engines. The watchman was in the barn at 12 o'clock, but there was no sign of fire at that time. It was little more than an hour after he left the barn before the fire was burning furiously. The blaze started in the west end of the building.

Driver Thrown Out. Harry Bloomquist, the driver of the No. 2 company, was badly bruised by being thrown from the wagon after the fire. One of the horses, which is a 4-year-old and has been used for three weeks only in the department, started back to the station before Bloomquist had taken hold of the lines. The team in rounding the corner from the stove company at Second avenue, was going at a rapid gait and there was a large pile of dirt in the middle of the street. When the wagon passed over it the pole was broken off about two feet from the single tree and the broken pole hit the right hind leg of the new horse inflicting a severe bruise. Bloomquist who had retained his hold on the lines, was thrown from

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PLANT BECOMES A PART OF MERGER

East Moline and Silvis Lighting Company Stock is Transferred Again by Recent Purchasers.

A deal was closed yesterday afternoon whereby F. Porter, president of the Tri-City railway company and Fred W. Reimers, superintendent of the People's Power company, purchased the stock of the East Moline and Silvis Lighting company from J. O'Neal, J. H. Vernon and Thomas Gorman. The purchase price was \$25,000.

The stock of the East Moline and Silvis Lighting company was formerly owned by a stock company, with William Downing of Silvis as manager and was known as the United Light & Power company. Messrs. O'Neal and Vernon recently acquired the plant, after securing new concessions from the East Moline and Silvis authorities.

At the time that the deal was closed it was thought that O'Neal was buying the stock for the merger company and the purchase by Messrs. Porter and Reimers sets at rest all supposition. The merger plant will become a part of public utilities of the three cities and outlying towns. The plans of the merger were announced today, and it is given out that the plant at East Moline will be abandoned and wires will be strung from the People's Power company plant in Moline. There will be four feed wires, each carrying 2,200 volts. The gas service will not be installed for the present, three years being allowed to install this. The East Moline plant was equipped with second hand machinery and this will probably be disposed of by the new owners.

REACHES HIS 80TH YEAR

Robert Don, Pioneer Rock Island Business Man, Celebrating Today.

Robert Don, who was a Rock Island merchant in the pioneer days, is observing the 80th anniversary of his birth at his home in Davenport today. Mr. Don was engaged in business in this city from 1850 until 1877. In the latter year he removed to Davenport. He served in the council here in the sixties, and aided in solving the financial troubles of the town incident to the "shin plaster" period. Mr. Don visited yesterday with David Don, his brother, in this city. William Don of Des Moines is another brother. Mr. Don is receiving the congratulations of his friends at his home in Davenport today. He is active and in excellent health, and, judging by the lively grasp that he continues to have on his affairs, he is good for at least the centennial goal.

Democrats, Attention! The members of the Rock Island county democratic committee are requested to meet at Turner hall Wednesday evening, July 21, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of determining the manner in which delegates to the fourth judicial district convention are to be chosen. It is for the committee to elect whether the delegates shall be named by a convention or be selected by the committee. If the latter, the delegates should be named at the meeting of the committee Wednesday evening. A full attendance of the members of the committee is urged. C. J. SMITH, Chairman. G. P. STAUDUHR, Secretary.

LET PAVING WORK

Tri-City Construction Company Gets Contract for Twenty-fifth Street Job.

TWO BIDS ARE RECEIVED

Board of Local Improvements Holds Meeting and Opens Proposals—Ninth Street Soon Ready.

At a meeting of the board of local improvements this morning the contract for the paving of Twenty-fifth street from Third to Fifth avenue was awarded to the Tri-City Construction company of Davenport. There were two bids on the work. The successful bidders made the prices as follows: Curbing, 50 cents a foot; paving, brick, \$1.50 a square yard; and catch basins, at \$50. The bid of the McCarthy Improvement company was 5 cents higher a yard on the paving, and the same on the other details. The work will be commenced soon.

Ready for Exposition.

The paving work on Ninth street is progressing rapidly and has now reached a stage where assurance is given that the street will be open for traffic by the time of the Rock Island second annual exposition. This will add greatly to the facilities for reaching the exposition grounds, which are at the end of the paving. The improvement is one of the most important in the way of paving made in several years.

CHICAGO HOTEL DEAL OF MONTROSE & McHUGH

House Which They Have Leased Calls for Yearly Rental of \$60,000.

The Chicago Examiner says: "The Lexington hotel at Michigan boulevard and Twenty-second street has passed into the hands of Charles McHugh, formerly of the Harper house, Rock Island, and J. E. Montrose of the Hotel Montrose at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They have leased from the Interstate Hotel company the building and hotel property for 20 years at a rental of \$60,000 annually for the first 10 years and \$65,000 annually for the second 10 years.

"The transaction by which the property was recently purchased by Colonel Livingstone T. Dickason, president of the Grand Pacific Hotel company, and his associates has fallen through, but it is understood that the same parties are now organizing a company to take over the property and that the deal will be closed within a few days.

"The Lexington covers a lot having a frontage of 119 feet on Michigan boulevard and 161 feet on Twenty-second street. The land, which is owned by the Thomas R. Lyon estate is under lease for 99 years from Aug. 1, 1891, at an annual ground rental of \$22,500. The building is a thoroughly modern fireproof structure of 10 stories and basement. More than \$225,000 was expended in furnishing the hotel. The ground rental of \$22,500 is based on a capitalization of \$450,000, at 5 per cent for the ground."

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

[Society news, written or telephoned to the society editor of The Argus, will be gladly received and published. But in either case the identity of the sender must be made known, to insure reliability. Written notices must bear signature and address.]

W. C. T. U. Meeting.—The Woman's Christian Temperance union met yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Ella Taylor, 904 Nineteenth street, and 22 members and friends were present. Mrs. Marion Humphreys was in charge of the program and conducted the devotionals. The meeting was of unusual interest because of the presence of Drs. A. E. and R. B. Williams, D. C. A. E. Williams addressed the meeting on the subject, "Hereditry and Health." He stated that a knowledge of the subject was necessary to certain benevolent organizations and students of sociology. He briefly and clearly gave the laws of heredity showing that generations of life in harmony with the natural law could give rise only to strong, physical, mental and moral life, the reverse producing degenerates to become parasites upon the community. Dr. Williams pointed out the encouraging fact that inherited attributes may be greatly modified by external influences. A short discussion of the subject followed. Dr. R. B. Williams made a few remarks and modestly admitted the fact that "The son had outstripped the father in knowledge—in some things." Dr. Williams spoke of the strength of character that comes from placing oneself in tune with the Infinite and left upon the mind the beautiful suggestion that we may break the chains of heredity.

In Honor of House Guest.—A pleasant evening was spent last evening at the home of J. G. Smith, 610 Twenty-fourth street, when Mrs. John H. Gerdes, Jr., entertained a company of friends in honor of her house guest, Miss Jessie A. Bye of Peoria. From out of town the guests were Mrs. John Schangnessy of Davenport, Mrs. P. J. Farling and son of Chicago and John Haley of Chicago. A nice program was given which consisted of piano solos by Mrs. Gerdes, Harry Leopold, readings by Miss Bye, vocal solos by John

Haley and pantomime by Miss Bye. The hostess served lunch following the program and a social evening enjoyed.

Party for Visiting Girls.—A party composed of the Misses Cora Casey, Mary Dunning, Margaret Lamp, Edna Peterson, Henrietta and Marie Maus and chaperoned by Miss Ruth Casey, enjoyed an afternoon together yesterday at Fejervary park, Davenport. The affair was given in honor of the Misses Henrietta and Marie Maus of Dubuque and Miss Edna Peterson of Geneseo. Supper was served at the park.

For Mrs. John Thompson.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Allen at their home, Allendale, Moline, last evening, entertained a company of friends as a courtesy of Mrs. John Thompson of Washington, D. C., wife of Colonel Thompson, formerly of the arsenal, who is the guest of Mrs. E. H. Ryan. Tricity friends were present to meet Mrs. Thompson.

Royal Neighbors Sociable.—The Royal Neighbors of South Rock Island will give a sociable on the lawn at the home of Mrs. Olson in South Rock Island Friday evening.

NOT ENOUGH TO MEET THE DEMANDS

Way in Which People Distribute Exposition Advertising Stickers Shows Their Attitude.

The colored stickers which are being used as one of the methods of advertising the Rock Island exposition are proving more popular and in greater demand this year than ever. The advertising committee secured a supply of 125,000 of these stickers, but the entire supply has been exhausted and in order to gratify those who have asked for the stickers the committee has ordered a new supply to be here in a few days.

The exhibits committee of the Exposition company has selected the three feature designs for the fireworks displays for the three nights. The design Tuesday evening will be a reproduction, in exact colors, of the stickers, "R. U. Coming to R. I." and Thursday evening there will be presented a fireworks picture of Niagara Falls. Saturday the special design will be a portrait of the most popular lady in the city, as determined by the voting contest heretofore referred to by The Argus.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Al Honery and Roy Owens left today for Spofford, Texas.

A. J. Wright and daughter, Ella, have returned from an eastern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Baumbach have returned from a brief visit in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Warren have gone to Colorado for a visit of several weeks.

Miss Charlotte Fickenscher returned Monday evening after attending school at Normal, Ill.

M. M. Briggs and daughter, Caroline have gone to New Boston for a visit with friends.

Miss Ethyl Dale, who has been spending the past week in Chicago, arrived home today.

Miss Hulda Anderson left last evening for an extended visit at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Miss Leodia McCane of Oak Park is spending a few days in the city as the guest of Mrs. F. H. Stuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lienhard left for Lincoln, Neb., this afternoon, for a two or three weeks' visit.

Mrs. Bernhard Andrews and daughter, Florence, have left for a three week's visit with relatives in Garden City, Mo.

Captain D. M. Swain of Stillwater was in the city yesterday calling on friends. Captain Swain is a veteran river man.

Mrs. Louis Mosenfelder and children, Alma and Harry, left this noon for Ottawa Beach, Mich., for a visit of several weeks.

Miss Lucy Eaton, assistant supreme recorder of the Royal Neighbors, has gone for an extended visit on the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Pauline McKean and Mrs. Francis Platt and daughter, Miss Allie Platt, of New Haven, Conn., are guests at the home of Mrs. William A. Lambert, 2409 Seventh avenue.

The Misses Julia Davis, Grace Wheelan and Loretta Frenier of Rock Island and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kneberg and daughter Janette of Moline have returned home after a week spent in camp at Linwood, Iowa.

A. T. Kahike has resigned his position with the Rock Island Plow company to accept a position as assistant manager of the Parlin & Orendorff Plow company branch house at Portland, Ore. Mr. Kahike took up his work July 15.

Notice of Meeting. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Black Hawk Homestead Building, Loan and Savings association will be held on Tuesday evening, July 20, 1909, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., at the secretary's office, room 210, People's National bank building, Rock Island, Ill., for the purpose of electing four directors for the period of three years, and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting. E. D. SWEENEY, President. T. J. Medill, Secretary.

The Man Who Furnishes His Home.

What man wouldn't *prefer* to exercise his own judgment and furnish his home in the manner that allows him to express his *personal* ideas rather than *rent* a house fitted out by *somebody* else's taste? It's the *same* way with *clothes*. The advantages offered by a *custom* tailor who permits *each* customer to display his *individuality*, and order his garments *only* to please *himself*, must be *well-weighed* against the *claims* of a *ready-maker* who *insists upon* clothing *everybody* as *he* sees fit and fit to *fit* them.

E. F. DORN,
WM. EMIG,
J. B. ZIMMER & SON.

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GROCERY STORE CHANGES OWNERS

Lange & Heitmann Dissolve Partnership, Senior Member Taking Over Firm's Business.

Lange & Heitmann, who have conducted a grocery on Seventh avenue near Twenty-seventh street, today dissolved partnership, Louis Heitmann retiring from the firm. Henry Lange will continue the business. Mr. Heitmann has not yet determined what line of business he will engage in, but for the present he will give up active work. The firm has been very successful and has enjoyed a wide patronage.

RETAIN THE OLD DIRECTORS

Stockholders of Blackhawk Association Hold Election.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Black Hawk Homestead Building, Loan and Savings association was held in the office of the association last evening, and J. J. Ingram, W. J. Sweeney, William Roth and Colonel C. L. Walker were re-elected to the board of directors for a term of four years. The meeting of the directors will be held at an early date, for the purpose of electing officers.

CITY GAS SUPPLY FAILS

Air in Mains and Housewives Are Discommodated at Breakfast.

Housewives were greatly discommodated throughout the city at breakfast time this morning through a failure of the gas supply. Superintendent Fred Reimers of the People's Light company explained that the flow was interrupted through air getting into the mains, and that this

condition was not unexpected on account of the extensive improvements that are now underway in the service. However, later in the day the supply was partially restored.

Dissolution Notice. Public notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Henry Lange and Louis Heitmann under the firm name of Lange & Heitmann has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be conducted in the future by Henry Lange, who will collect all outstanding accounts and pay all bills.

HENRY LANGE,
LOUIS HEITMANN.
July 21, 1909.

"Ranch 101" Coming. "Ranch 101," a wild west show, has secured the use of the Rock Island exposition park for an appearance here Aug. 25.

BLAKEMORE IS LET OUT

Charles Hunt Is Appointed Court Reporter at Galesburg.

John E. Blakemore, brother of H. D. Blakemore, is to be succeeded as court reporter for Judge Thompson at Galesburg by Charles Hunt of Galesburg, who has been appointed by Judge Thompson. Mr. Blakemore has served in the Galesburg court for 22 years. He had been in poor health of late, and had intended to retire.

Tortured on a Horse. "For 10 years I couldn't ride a horse without being in torture from piles," writes L. S. Napier of Russell, Ky., "when all doctors and other remedies failed. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me." Infallible for piles, burns, scalds, cuts, boils, fever-sores, eczema, salt rheum, corns. 25 cents. Guaranteed by all druggists.

TOMORROW Thursday Night PETERSEN'S BAND

Regular Thursday Concert

WITH PHIL. SONNTAG, SOLOIST.

Schuetzen Park Davenport

Take Bridge Car to Third and Harrison Streets—change to car going west marked "Third Street." Automobiles follow Fourth Street west, continue out country road to Park entrance. Better to take Trolley.